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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification on page 2, paragraph 5 as follows:

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There is required a thermoplastic modifier that is easily dispersed without increasing the viscosity of the blend. Because they are easily ~~Easily~~ dispersed in thermoplastic elastomers, high molecular weight modifiers may be used to increase the melt strength of elastomers. In addition, high molecular weight modifiers do not increase the viscosity of the blend or limit the period time of the blow-molding phase. Therefore, there remains a need for EP(D)M rubber, which is modifier to blend with thermoplastics without reducing ~~causing~~ the melt viscosity of the final EP(D)M/thermoplastic blend. Modified with typical modifiers, the EP(D)M rubber is improved in its compatibility with plastics and thus can be used as an impact reinforcement to increase the impact strength of the plastics at room temperature as well as at low temperatures.